

Missouri State Library

# Show Me *Express*

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*Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.*

## Summer Reading Program News

Congratulations to all libraries who conducted 2014 summer reading programs! This summer over 287,000 children and teens participated, with 106,959 successfully completing reading challenges. Studies show that youth who read during the summer prevent the summer slide and are better prepared to resume school in the fall.

## 2015 Summer Reading Program Workshops and Webinars

It is not too soon to begin planning the 2015 summer reading program. Jeannine Birkenfeld and Charity Huechteman, children's librarians at Springfield-Greene County Library District, will present ideas for new programs, displays, hands-on activities and practical tips for outreach programming for the 2015 Missouri statewide summer library programs, ***Every Hero Has a Story*** for children and ***Unmask!*** for teens. These workshops are free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel who serve children and their families. Locations, dates and times include:

- Poplar Bluff Municipal Library, October 21, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- St. Charles City-County Library Spencer Road Branch, October 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Mid-Continent Public Library, Woodneath Library Center, November 3, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Springfield-Greene County Library, Library Center, November 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and can be completed [online](#). Attendance is limited to one participant per branch or two per library system. Registration closes **October 6, 2014**.

There will also be three webinars on three separate topics from the live workshops. These webinars are free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel who serve children and their families. Dates, times and topics include:

- ***Every Hero Has a Story***: October 29, 2014, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- ***Unmask!***: November 6, 2014, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- ***2015 Summer Reading Program Marketing and Outreach***: November 12, 2014, 2 p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Registration is required and can be completed [online](#) until the webinar begins.

Please direct questions about the workshops and webinars to Lisa Peters, Youth Services Consultant, at [lisa.peters@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lisa.peters@sos.mo.gov), or (800) 325-0131.

## **LSTA Grant Application for 2015 Racing to Read and Summer Library Programs Now Available Online**

Racing to Read grants provide funds to help establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to 6 years of age based on those skills and knowledge taught in the ***Early Literacy Fundamentals*** and ***Racing to Read to Go*** webinars and workshops. Summer Library Program grants aim to aid public and school libraries in serving patrons of all ages through creative and innovative approaches to keep them learning and growing throughout the summer months.

Grant applications are due November 7, 2014, for the Racing to Read Grant and November 14, 2014, for Summer Library Program (postmarked or hand-delivered).

Public and school library staff with questions regarding what is eligible or are new to grant writing and interested in these grant opportunities are encouraged to attend one of two one-hour online information sessions that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. Sessions for the Racing to Read Grant will be held on October 7, 2014, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and sessions for the Summer Library Program will be held on October 21, 2014, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

Applications for the Racing to Read Grant and Summer Library Program are available online at [Missouri LSTA Grant Programs](#) in the LSTA Grant Application Forms section. For further

information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities, contact Shay Younger at (800) 325-0131 or [shay.younger@sos.mo.gov](mailto:shay.younger@sos.mo.gov).

## **Missouri State Government Publications in Internet Archive**

The Reference Services Division of the Missouri State Library in Jefferson City is using Internet Archive to house its collection of digital Missouri state government publications as part of the [State Publications Access Program](#). The Missouri State Publications collection can be found at <https://archive.org/details/missouristatepublications>.

Over 4,000 Missouri state government publications from every executive department as well as all six statewide elected offices and the General Assembly have been placed in the collection. Many more publications will be added in the coming months. Individual titles in Internet Archive are indexed by Google, and there are multiple ways to view them – desktop viewer, PDF, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, plain text and DjVu.

The Reference Services Division of the Missouri State Library also maintains a small collection of print state government publications. Questions about the program may be directed to Annie Moots, Government Documents Librarian, at [annie.moots@sos.mo.gov](mailto:annie.moots@sos.mo.gov).

## **Digital Inclusion Survey**

The annual digital inclusion survey is slated to begin on September 22, 2014. The login information will be mailed to randomly selected library branch directors a few days before the survey begins. Although this is an optional survey, it is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, supported by the American Library Association, and it seeks to serve as a complementary study to the Public Library Survey. The results of the study will be used to inform and potentially influence relevant persons about the importance of public access to technology, digital content, and digital services offered by public libraries to their communities. Once the library data is collected, it is combined with U.S. Census data to provide a profile for varying radii (1 to 10 miles) from participating libraries. Missouri and library-specific data can be viewed at [Missouri Digital Inclusion Survey](#). It is important for libraries chosen to participate to complete the survey. For more information please visit [Digital Inclusion Survey](#).

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